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Dear Senator Byrd:

This is in further reply to your inquiry regarding Mr. Richard Corvin's interest in several political detainees.

We might first and most happily note that Abdulrahman Mohamed Baki, about whom we wrote you on April 14, has since been released from incarceration.

Kim Dae Jung, a former candidate for the presidency of Korea, was sentenced with a number of other prominent political and religious figures for issuing an anti-government declaration on March 1, 1976 (the Myongdong case). He was transferred to a hospital in November 1977 for treatment of a long standing arthritis condition where he remains under guard.

In November of 1977, our Embassy in Montevideo inquired about Eduardo Cohen Pappa of Uruguayan authorities. In December the Uruguayan Government notified our Embassy that he was still at liberty, although his capture was sought by their Armed Forces for unspecified crimes.

A copy of Mr. Cohen's letter has been forwarded to our Embassy in Guatemala City regarding Antonio Cuticres and Ixtcal Cardona de la Cruz. No information has been received to date.

The Honorable
Robert C. Byrd,
United States Senate.

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We request that we also have an additional information to supplement that of Mr. Cavin regarding either Lonit Tarsiya or Dayle Shamis.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
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